

# Nong Bua Lam Phu

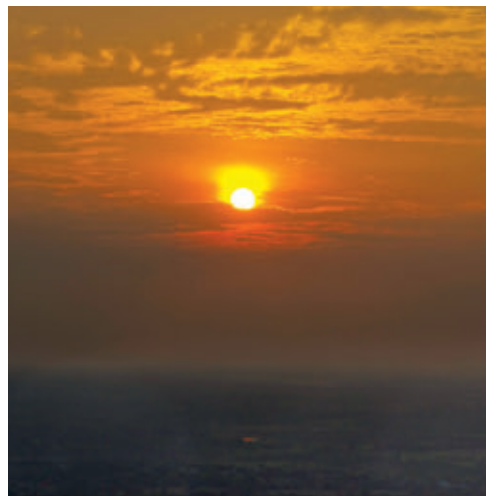
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## Nong Bua Lam Phu

“King Naresuan the Great Shrine, Phu Kao Phu Phan Kham National Park, Revered Luangpu Khao’s Dhamma, Glittering Erawan Cave, and Ancient Town of Nakhon Khuean Khan Kap Kao Bua Ban”

Nong Bua Lam Phu is the country’s latest province. Established on December 1, 1993, it is the 76<sup>th</sup> province of Thailand. Before separation, Nong Bua Lam Phu once was part of Udon Thani. Although the province was just established recently, it has long history. Archeological artifacts found in this area indicate that there were human’s settlements in Nong Bua Lam Phu since in the pre-historical era. About 200 years ago, a town was established by Laotian people from the left side of Mekong River. The name Nong Bua Lam Phu appears in historical record as a rest venue for Siamese Army during their march to fight against Vientiane in both Ayutthaya and Rattanakosin era. Besides picturesque nature namely Phu Phan Range and beautiful lake, Nong Bua Lam Phu is rich of cultural attractions, such as archeological sites and interesting local handicrafts. The province acquires total area of 3,859 square kilometres and it is divided into 6 Amphoes namely Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu, Non Sang, Si Bun Rueang, Na Klang, Suwanakhuha, and Na Wang.

## BOUNDARY

North	connects to Udon Thani
East	connects to Udon Thani
West	connects to Loei
South	connects to Khon Kaen

## HOW TO GET THERE

**By car:** From Bangkok, motorist can use highway 1 (Pahonyothin Road) to Saraburi. Turn right at kilometre 107 into highway 2 (Mittraphap Road) and travel via Nakhon Ratchasima, Khon Kaen, Udon Thani. Turn left into highway 210, via Amphoe Nong Wua So of Udon Thani to Nong Bua Lam Phu. This route is 608 kilometres long. In another route, motorist can turn left in Khon Kaen into highway 2109 (Amphoe Nam Phong-Ubolratana Dam) via Amphoe Non Sang to Nong Bua Lam Phu. This route is 577 kilometres.

**By bus:** The Transport Company Limited provides daily services of air-conditioned coaches, leaving the Bangkok Northern Bus Terminal (Mo Chit 2) on Kamphaeng Phet 2 Road. The journey takes 8 hours. For more information, contact Tel. 0 2936 2852-6, Transport Co., Ltd., Tel. 0 2576 5599 or visit [www.transport.co.th](http://www.transport.co.th), Air Muang Loei Co.,Ltd., Tel. 0 2936 0142, Busarakam Tour (Bangkok office) Tel. 0 2537 8462, and Busarakam Tour (Nong Bua Lam Phu Office) Tel. 0 4236 0927, and Nong Bua Lam Phu Transport Company Limited Tel. 0 4231 1051.

**By train:** Train passenger can travel from Bangkok to Udon Thani, then take bus to Nong Bua Lam Phu. For more information, call State Railway of Thailand at 1690, 0 2220 4334, 0 2220 4444 or visit [www.railways.co.th](http://www.railways.co.th)

**By plane:** Thai Airways International does not operate direct flight between Bangkok and Nong Bua Lam Phu. Passenger can fly to Udon Thani and take bus to Nong Bua Lam Phu. For more information, call Thai Airways International at Tel. 0 2356 1111 or visit [www.thaiairways.com](http://www.thaiairways.com).

Getting around. Local bus or Song Thaew commutes in the municipality of Amphoe



*Monument and Shrine of King Naresuan the Great*

Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu. There are also buses to different Amphoes.

### Distance from Amphoe Mueang to other districts

Na Klang	30	kilometres.
Si Bun Rueang	33	kilometres.
Non Sang	42	kilometres.
Na Wang	42	kilometres.
Suwanakhuha	65	kilometres.

## ATTRACTIONS

### Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu

#### **Monument and shrine of King Naresuan the Great** (พระอนุสาวรีย์และศาลสมเด็จพระนเรศวรมหาราช)

Built to commemorate King Naresuan the

Great who in 1574 led his army en route Nong Bua Lam Phu to Vientiane by the assignment of the King of Hongsa, or the kingdom of Burma which ruled Thailand at that time. As King Naresuan got sick, King of Hongsa allowed him to get back to Ayuthaya. The venue where King Naresuan set camp is in the compound of around Nong Bua Park, in front of Nong Bua Lam Phu's city hall. Every year during Januray 25 February 3, celebration and ceremony are held to honor King Naresuan.

#### **Nong Bua** (หนองบัว)

The big pond is situated right in front of the city hall. As it never dries up, the pond with a beautiful backdrop of Phu Phan Kham Range is a nice place to relax for the Nong Bua Lam Phu people. On the western end is a shrine called Ho

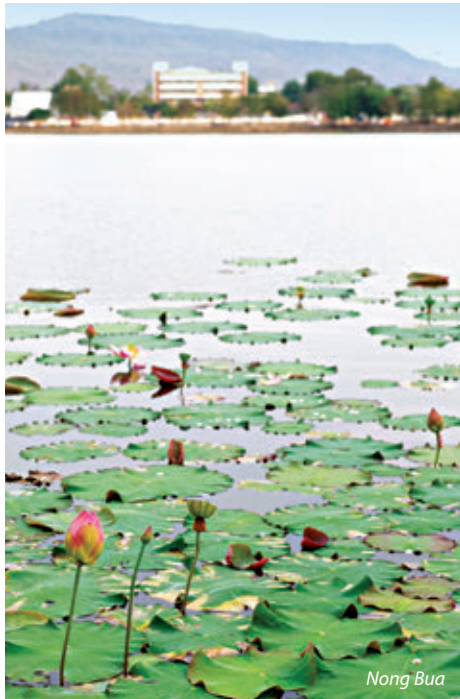


Song Nang. Legend has it that the spirits of the twin sisters Khamsi and Khamsai, nieces of Phra Wo Phra Ta, the founder of Nong Bua Lam Phu, are there to guard the Vientiane giant gong.

### Phra Wo Phra Ta City Pillar Shrine

(ศาลหลักเมืองพระวอ พระตา)

Located just 100 metres from highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Udon Thani), the city pillar shrine is built to honor Phra Wo and Phra Ta who had established the city. The first stone of this city pillar shrine was laid on November 21, 1975. It was completed and opened on February 28, 1976.



### Namtok Thao To Botanical Park (วนอุทยานน้ำตกเต่าดำ)

Situated on highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu Shell Fossil Museum-Udon Thani) some 3 kilometres from Nong Bua Lam Phu City, the shady park is a nice place for picnic. The secreted shrine of Pu Lup is located nearby.

### Shell Fossil Museum (พิพิธภัณฑ์หอยหิน ๑๕๐ ล้านปี)

Located at Ban Huai Duea, Tambon Non Than, the Museum features mollusk fossils dating back to 140-150 millions years ago. A number of bivalve fossils were found in good condition on a 50-metres high cliff. In addition, ancient crocodile skeletons, mica and some minerals were found. Visitors will also enjoy the exhibition building featuring pieces of dinosaur fossils found in a siltstone layer, 2 metres above the layer where the shell fossils were excavated. These pieces include both the upper left and right front legs, lower hind legs, scapula, metatarsals, and ribs.

The dinosaur and shell fossils discovery site in Ban Huai Duea has been developed into an “Unseen Nong Bua Lam Phu” area. The 6 zones include: **Zone 1:** Reception Area (โซนต้อนรับ) features the Non Than dinosaur family.

**Zone 2:** Across the Universe (โซนท่องจักรวาล) showcases the origin of the universe, the solar system, and the Earth. The highlight is the model of the planets of our solar system including Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto revolving around the sun

**Zone 3:** The Origin of Life (โลกแหล่งกำเนิดชีวิต) features the evolution of life on Earth including plants, animals, and humans from past to present.



**Zone 4:** Hunters' Kingdom features dinosaur exhibits (อาณาจักรนักล่า) visitors will enjoy fossils and remains of dinosaur bones found at Ban Huai Duea, Tambon Non Than, as well as a life-size robotic dinosaur *Siamotyrannus isanensis*. It is a 4 metres long by 7 metres high theropod, which is able to move as much as 8 movements including nod: up/down/left/right, mouth: open/shut, eyes : open/shut, eyeballs: rolling, front legs movement, tail: up/down, and staggering: left/right, and roaring.

**Zone 5:** The Wonders of Discovery (มหัศจรรย์แห่งการเดินค้นพบ) Exhibits of a wall display and 150 millions-year-shell fossils. The audience can see and listen in the local language.

**Zone 6:** Follow the Explorers (ตามรอยนักสำรวจ) Showcasing the work of palaeontologists,

geologists, equipment, fossils study, and history of surveying the geological sources of the 150-millions-year-old shell fossils. Admission fee is 20 Baht for adults and 10 Baht for children and students. (free of charge for children with a height less than 80 cm, monks, disabled, and elderly). For more details, contact the Non Than Subdistrict Administrative Organisation, Tambon Non Than, Amphoe Mueang, Nong Bua Lam Phu, 39000, Tel. 0 4200 0048 ext 11, Fax. 0 4200 0048 ext 18.

**To get there:** Proceed via Highway No. 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Udon Thani route). Situated 10 kilometres from the provincial city of Nong Bua Lam Phu, the Museum is located at Ban Huai Duea, Tambon Non Than, at Kilometres. 88 on your left. Tourists can also take the Nong Bua Lam Phu-Udon Thani bus.







*Luangpu Lot Museum*

**Luangpu Lot Museum** (พิพิธภัณฑ์หลวงปู่หลอด  
ปโมทิตะเจติย์)

Located in Wat Pa Si Sawang, Tambon Ban Kham, is the Pamodita Pagoda, which houses the sacred relics of Lord Buddha sent from Nepal. Luangpu Lot presided over the ceremony to enshrine the relics on 25 February, 2000. The museum itself is open daily from 09.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. The relic is only open to the public on Buddhist holidays.

**Wat Si Khun Mueang** (วัดศรีคุณเมือง)

Formerly known as Wat Khon Chum Nam Ok Bo, this Khmer and Lawa influenced temple is located at Mu 5, Worarat Road, Tambon Lam Phu. It houses significant archaeological artefacts comprising ancient boundary stones, an Ubosot

or ordination hall, as well as, the much revered Buddha statue Luang pho Phra Chaiya chettha.

**Phu Hin Lat Cho Fa** (ภูหินลาดข้อฟ้า)

Located in Tambon Non Than, this rugged mountain range with pathways and caves used to be the stronghold of the Communist Party of Thailand. It was a school of politics, training camp, and headquarters, which sent out troops to various zones. Visitors will also find more than 200 urns of those who died in the operations. A memorial merit-making ceremony is held annually in summer. The former exercise zone is now a star observation point. Amphoe Nong Wua So and Amphoe Kut Chap of Udon Thani province are visible from up here. Inside the caves, there are chambers for various



*Wat Tham Klong Phen*

purposes like Tham Witthayu, Tham Wethi, Thap Rong Phayaban, Tham Sabiang, and hotel for honeymooners.

### ***Wat Tham Klong Phen*** (วัดถ้ำกลองเพล)

Located at the foot of Phu Phan Mount, Wat Tham Klong Phen is the province's famous forest temple. Without accurate history, the temple was probably built during Khmer era and it has been neglected until 1958. Luangpu Khao Ananyo, monk who practiced Wipassana meditation from famous monk Archan Man Phurithatta Thera, has used this venue to practice his meditation. He has covered 3-4 huge rocks with cement roof, making it a very big hall that can accommodate hundreds of people. Luangpu Khao has practiced meditation here

until he has passed away in 1983. Blanketed with lush vegetable and decorated with rock garden, around the temple is very shady and peaceful. The main hall or Ubosot houses statue of Luangpu Khao and two-sided ancient drum or Klong Phen. In its rock corners, there are many Buddha Statues in different attitudes such as meditation, reclining, and 'Pattarnimit' or bas relief of Buddha image in walking attitude. At the front of the hall is a huge statue of a Chinese Monk of good luck. A bit from the temple, a two-kilometre-long road, running through a forest and weird-shaped rocks, leads to the monument of Luangpu Khao. Around the monument are:



*Museum of Luangpu Khao Ananyo's utensils*

**Museum of Luangpu Khao Ananyo's utensils** (พิพิธภัณฑ์อุัฐบริหารหลวงปู่ขาว อนาลโย) The museum features ashes and utensils of Luangpu Khao for Buddhist can pay homage.

**Old Monastery of Luangpu Khao** (กุฏิเก่าของหลวงปู่ขาว) The small wooden hut is situated in the shady forest. The new monastery is a huge house in Thai traditional style.

**Luangpu Khao Wax Museum** (พิพิธภัณฑ์หุ่นขี้ผึ้งหลวงปู่ขาว) The architecture, in the shape three rocks sitting next to each other, blends itself to the surrounding rock garden of the temple. Situated amidst colourful garden and lush green lawn, the museum features wax statue of Luangpu Khao in sitting posture. His utensils are displayed in the room nearby.

**Luangpu Khao Pagoda** (เจดีย์หลวงปู่ขาว) Built to house ashes of Luangpu Khao, the pagoda

is situated on rock terrace and can be reached by stair.

**Luangpu Khao Pavillion Rectangular** (มณฑปหลวงปู่ขาว) pavillion is built during Luangpu Khao's era as a venue for Buddhism rituals. Around the pavillion is calm and shady.

**How to get there:** From Nong Bua Lam Phu city, travel via highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu -Udon Thani) for 13 kilometres, then turn right and keep going for another 2 kilometres.

### **Amphoe Non Sang Non Wat Pa** (ในนวัตป่า)

The historical site once was ancient temple as stone Buddha image in the attitude of seating under protection of naga, ancient architecture and antique from the Khmer era are found. Non Wat Pa is 20 kilometres from Nong Bua Lam



Phu City via highway 2146 (Nong Bua Lam Phu -Amphoe None Sang Road)

### **Phu Kao-Phu Phan Kham National Park**

(อุทยานแห่งชาติภูเก้า-ภูพานคำ)

Established in 1985, Thailand's 50<sup>th</sup> national park acquires total area of 322 square kilometres. Phu Khao-Phu Phan Kham National Park's territory covers part of Amphoe Ubolratana, Amphoe Phu Wiang of Khon Kaen, and Amphoe None Sang of Nong Bua Lam Phu. The park features two sandstone mountains situated away from each other. It is blanketed by deciduous dipterocarp forest, mixed dipterocarp forest, and dry evergreen forest. The park's headquarter is located by the reservoir of Ubolratana Dam, close to Phu Khan Kham.

#### **Phu Phan Kham** (ภูพานคำ)

The mountain range, which is part of Phu Phan Range, is on the east of Phong River Basin. From the mountain top, tourist can see picturesque view of the reservoir of Ubolratana Dam through the valley. Camping ground, guesthouse of the park and the department of public welfare, are available at the end of the reservoir. Phu Phan Kham is famous for fish breeding and fishing site of the province.

#### **Phu Khao** (ภูเก้า)

is rugged sandstone mountain range in the shape of a pan. It comprises 9 mountains namely Phu Fang, Phu Khum Pun, Phu Han, Phu Moei, Phu Ko Mo, Phu Chan, Phu Phro, Phu Luak, and Phu Wat. Home of numerous wildlife, all 9 mountains are blanketed with lush forest. Its interesting attractions include:

**Hunter and Canine Footprints** (รอยเท้านายพราน และรอยตีนหมา) These 2 huge footprints are related to the local folklore "Phra Suphrom Wimokha and the 9-tail dog".

**Tham Suea Tok, Tham Pla Hai, Tham Chek** (ถ้ำเสือตก ถ้ำปลาไฮ ถ้ำเจ๊ก) The caves are interesting archeological sites. They house cave painting and carving which can be dated back to 3,500 years ago.

**Sao Hin Ham Tang** (เสาหินหามต่าง) The area is filled up with rocks in different weird shape. The outstanding one is huge rock sitting on the other like mushroom, making it a remarkable natural sculpture.

**Ho Sawan** (หอสวรรค์) The rock-top pavillion is amazingly built on a huge rock sitting by 30-metre high cliff. It can be accessed by stair and offers very good view.

#### **Namtok Tat Fa** (น้ำตกตาดฟ้า)

The small falls cascades through mixed dipterocarp forest before plunging 7 metres down into big pool below.

The park provides boat for tourist can enjoy view in the reservoir and three guesthouses. For more information, call Phu Khao-Phu Phan Kham National Park at Tel. 08 1221 0526 or National Park, Wildlife and Plant Conservation Department at Tel. 0 2562 0760 or visit [www.dnp.go.th](http://www.dnp.go.th).

Phu Khao-Phu Phan Kham National Park can be reached via two routes namely:

**Route 1.** Motorist can use highway 2109 Khon Kaen-Ubolratana Dam to Amphoe Ubolratana, then turn right into highway 2146 (Ubolratana-Non Sang) to the park. This route is 63 kilometres long.

**Route 2.** From Nong Bua Lam Phu city, use highway 2146 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Non Sang) for 40 kilometres, turn left at Ban Sok Chan into



*Phu Phan Noi*

Ban Sok Chan-Ubolratana Road. The park is 14 kilometres away. This route is 57 kilometres long.

### **Phu Phan Noi** (ภูพานน้อย)

Covering an area of 35,000 rai, Phu Phan Noi is part of the Phu Phan Range which branches out eastward from Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu towards the Phu Kao Ranges in Amphoe Non Sang, in the south. Tourists can see the provincial city of Nong Bua Lam Phu from here because it is just 6 kilometres away. This place has become the province's new relaxation spot. The mountain is blanketed with deciduous dipterocarp forest, mixed deciduous forest, home of natural herbs and biodiversity with a temperate climate. Phu Phan Noi is accessible by car, and popular as a camping ground.

**How to get there:** Follow the Nong Bua Lam Phu

- Udon Thani route to Ban Phu Phan Thong. Turn right for approximately 4 kilometres and another right turn for 2 kilometres.

### **Wat Phra Phutthabat Phu Kao** (วัดพระพุทธบาทภูเก้า)

This ancient temple houses two gigantic foot prints of humans and canines engraved on the rock, which is related to the local folklore "Phra Suphrom Wimokha and the 9-tail dog". Visitors will find prehistoric drawings and engravings at two caves of Tham Muem and Tham Achan Sim or Tham Luangpu Sim.

### **Non Don Klang Archaeological Site (Ban Kut Kwang Soi)** แหล่งโบราณคดีในดอนกลาง (บ้านกุดกว้างสร้อย)

Situated in Ban Kut Kwang Soi, Soi Santisuk, Tambon Ban Thin, east of Phu Khao Mount, it is an archeological site. Pre-historical artifacts



*Tham Pha Wiang*



*Tham Pha Cho*





*Non Don Klang Archaeological Site (Ban Kut Kwang Soi)*

found here include terra cotta similar to Ban Chiang Culture, human's skeleton, bronze and stone bracelet, glass bead, sandstone mold for bronze axe, steel tool and etc. Some artifacts are kept at National Museum Khon Kaen, the remaining are displayed in the village's museum.

**To get there:** Use highway 2146 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Non Sang) for 36 kilometres and turn right at Ban Nong Waeng and keep going for 5 kilometres.

### **Hat Non Yao or Pattaya Sam** (หาดโนนยาว หรือพัทยาสาม)

This nice long stretch of beach by the lakeside of the Ubolratana Dam is located in Ban Non

Yao, Tambon Khok Yai, just 10 kilometres from Amphoe Non Sang, with the visibility of the picturesque Phu Phan Range and restaurants to cater to tourists.

### **Amphoe Na Wang** **Tham Erawan** (ถ้ำเอราวัณ)

The cave is situated in Ban Pha In Paeng, Tambon Wang Thong, on a stone mountain called Pha Tham Chang Mount, right on the border of Amphoe Wangsaphung of Loei and Amphoe Na Wang of Nong Bua Lam Phu. Tham Erawan is a big cave accessible via winding 600-steps stair. There is a big Buddha Statue at the cave's entrance which leads to a huge hall naturally decorated with rock formation. This cave is a scene in local legends "Nang Phom Hom'Or" the lady with fragrant hair". Local souvenir shop is located in the nearby temple.

**To get there:** The cave is 47 kilometres from Nong Bua Lam Phu, use highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Loei), turn right at Kilometres 13, the cave is 2.7 kilometres further.

### **Tham Pha Wiang** (ถ้ำผาเวียง)

The cave is situated in Mu 9 Ban Pha Wiang, Tambon Na Kae among picturesque mountain range called Phu Pha Wiang. The cave and around is territory of Wat Tham Pha Wiang. Tham Pha Wiang is naturally beautiful with rock formation and stalagmites. There are also many caves in the area such as Tham Pha Klang, Tham Thammat, Tham Prathun, Tham Khok Nuea Yai, Tham Khang Khao.

**To get there:** The cave is 45 kilometres from Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu, use highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Loei).





*Tham Pha Cho*



### **Tham Pha Cho** (ถ้ำผาเจาะ)

The cave is situated at Mu 1, Ban Pha Cho, Tambon Thep Khiri about 40 kilometres off the provincial city of Nong Bua Lam Phu, along Highway No. 210 (Udon Thani - Na Wang route). Ban Pha Cho and Amphoe Na Wang are visible from this scenic spot. The cave has natural beauty and ravines waiting for explorers. Legend has it that during the construction of the sacred precinct of Phrathat Phanom chedi, a giant was preparing a basket full of things to put inside the pagoda. When told by another giant that Phrathat Phanom was already completed, he was devastated and left that basket there, which eventually became Tham Pha Cho.

### **Huai Pha Wang Reservoir** (อ่างเก็บน้ำห้วยผาวัง)

A medium-sized reservoir just 45 kilometers from the provincial city of Nong Bua Lam Phu, along Highway No. 210 (Na Wang-Wang Saphung route). The serenity, rafts that can be pulled to the middle of the river, and good food are available at tourists' disposal.

### **Wat Pa Phu Fang Santitham** (วัดป่าภูผางสันติธรรม)

Named after Fang herb found around the area, this serene and spacious remote temple built with modern art is located at Ban Wang Phai, Tambon Wang Thong. Elegant monk premises and the nine-headed serpent in the sermon hall are worth visiting.



Wat Santitham Banpot

### **Amphoe Na Klang** **Wat Santitham Banpot or Wat Pa Phu Noi** (วัดสันติธรรมบรรพต หรือวัดป่าภูน้อย)

Besides offering very nice place for practicing meditation, the temple houses Buddha footprint and 8 groups of stone leaves setting in 8 directions. Each group comprises 4 stone leaves, some feature carving in Bhotisattva and pagoda's crest. These leaves are probably places around Khmer shrine like those at Wat Si Khun Mueang .

**To get there:** The temple is 30 kilometres from Nong Bua Lam Phu City, motorist can use highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Loei) and turn left at Amphoe Na Klang. It is 1.5 kilometres away.

### **Huai Rai Reservoir** (อ่างเก็บน้ำห้วยไร่)

The medium sized reservoir is situate in Ban Srakaeko, Mu 6, Tambon Dong Sawan. With clear water, the reservoir is quite scenic. From November to February, Sun hemp plantation will paint the area in bright yellow. Tourist can enjoy cruising on motored raft which can control direction, unique vehicle of the reservoir. Restaurants on the raft are available.

### **Amphoe Si Bun Rueang**

#### **Wooden Ubosot of Wat Charoen Songtham**

(ลิมไม้วัดเจริญทรงธรรม)

Located in Ban Don Po, Tambon Nong Bua Tai, the wooden chapel or Ubosot has compact size in rectangular shape. High roof creates good air

ventilation. The ubosot has delicate carving on the roof, and gable with neatly carved garuda. How to get there: The ubosot is 30 kilometres from Nong Bua Lam Phu City, motorist can use Nong Bua Lam Phu-Srangsian Road.

### **Pha Sam Yot** (ผาสามยอด)

These three connected mountain ranges attached by ridges are located at Ban Pha Suk, Tambon Nong Kung Kaeo, just at the border of the provinces of Nong Bua Lam Phu and Loei. No official exploration has been conducted yet. Visitors will find paddy fields surrounding the mountain ranges, pristine nature and fauna on top, more than 100 caves, beautiful stalagmites and stalactites, ancient human



*Huai Wang Phu Reservoir*



*Pha Sam Yot*

skeletons, and other artefacts. For more information, contact the Nong Kung Kaeo Sub-district Administration Organisation.

### **Amphoe Suwannakhuha** **Tham Suwannakhuha** (ถ้ำสุวรรณคูหา)

Situated in Wat Tham Suwannakhuha, Ban Khuha Pattana, Mu 7, Tambon Nasi, the cave house antique and portrait of King Chai Shettha of Vientiane.

*To get there:* Use highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Wang Saphung) and turn right into

highway 2097 to Amphoe Suwannakhuha. Then travel via Phra Chai Settha Road for a kilometer, turn right at Dong Yang Na Ta Lao School, the cave is 4 kilometres away.

### **Phu Pha Ya Archeological Site** (แหล่งโบราณคดีภูผายา)

Situated north of Ban Na Charoen, Tambon Dong Mafai, the site is in limestone mountain which separates itself from Phu Phan Range. Many pre-historical cave painting are found





Tham Suwannakhuha

here. The first group of painting, in “Tham Lang”, line for 5 metres long on smooth cave wall. They comprise pictures of geometric, animals, hands, in red. The second group of painting, found in “Tham Bon”, comprises pictures of star, man, reptile, draft of big animal. All the pictures were painted in red and scatter in small groups. These paintings are estimated to be 2,000-3,000 years old, as old as painting found at Phu Phra Bat Historical Park, Udon Thani, and their style are similar to those found in Guangxi Province of China. A meditation centre of Buddhist monk is located nearby.

**To get there:** From Nong Bua Lam Phu City, use highway 210 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Wang Sap-

hung), turn right into highway 2097 to Amphoe Suwannakhuha, then use Suwannakhuha-Ban Na Charoen Road.

**Khok Nok Sarika Reservoir** (อ่างเก็บน้ำโคกนกลาริกา)

Located at Mu 7, Ban Khok Nok Sarika, Tambon Bun Than, this reservoir with beautiful scenery is situated right in the middle of the valley.

## EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

**Naresuan Maharaja and Nong Bua Lam Phu Red Cross Fair.** (งานนเรศวรมหาราช ภาษาดหนองบัวลำภู) The fair is held annually between January 25-February 3 at Naresuan Maharaja Field, Amphoe Mueang. The fair is very attractive with lots of merchandises.

**Bun Khao Chi Festivals.** (งานประเพณีบุญข้าวจี) The festivals is held annually during the 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> date of waxing moon in February at Wat Tham Suwannauha, Ban Khuha Pattana, Amphoe Suwannakhuha. The annual celebration and merit making of Amphoe Suwannakhuha features gigantic Khao Chi, local cuisine made from roasted sticky rice dipped in egg and sugar cane juice.

**Tham Erawan Festival.** (ประเพณีขึ้นเขาไหว้พระถ้ำเอราวัณ) The festivals is held between April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> of each year at Hat Non Yao, Amphoe Non Sang. Buddhist will climb up the mountain and pay homage to the Buddha image in Tham Erawan.

**Hat Non Yao Songkran Festival** (งานประเพณีสงกรานต์หาดโนนยาว) is held annually during 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April at the beach of Hat Non Yao.

## **Amphoe Non Sang.**

### **Annual Festival of Pu Lup Shrine and Phra Wo Phra Ta Shrine.** (งานบวงสรวงศาลเจ้า

ปู่หลุบและพระวอพระตา) The rite is held annually on the first Wednesday and Thursday of May at Phra Wo Phra Ta Shrine and Pu Lup Shrine in Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu.

### **Rocket Festivals of Amphoe Si Bun Rueang.** (งานประเพณีบุญบั้งไฟอำเภอศรีบุญเรือง)

The lively festival is held annually on the fullmoon day of May at the field of Amphoe Si Bun Rueang. Rocket in huge size, or Bang Fai Lan, will be decorated before launching high into the sky. The local festival of Si Bun Rueang is one of 12 festivals of Northeastern Region. The rocket is assumed as the present for Phraya Thaen, the god who will make the rain for rice plantation.

### **Banana Fair** (งานมหกรรมกล้วยหอมแฟร์)

The fair is held in July at Ban Suan Sawan, Tambon Wang Thong, Amphoe Na Wang.

**Thiao Hoi Hin-Kin Lamyai Festival** (งานเทศกาลเหี่ยวหอยหิน กินลำไย) is held in August at the Shell Fossil Museum, Non Than Sub-district Administration Organisation, Amphoe Mueang.

**Namtok Thao To Festival.** (งานเทศกาลน้ำตกเหวไต้) The annual festival is held every September at Namtok Thao To Park, Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu.

## **LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SOUVENIRS**

**Ban Kong Sawan Pottery Village** (หมู่บ้านหัตถกรรมปั้นหม้อบ้านไค้งสวรรค์) The village is famed for its terra cotta products by traditional method which are available around the village and by the road. The village is located in Tambon

Non Than, 17 kilometres from Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu via highway 210.

### **Calathea Sticky Rice Container** (กระติบข้าวจากต้นคล้า)

The village of Ban Huai Huak, Tambon Si Bun Rueang, Amphoe Si Bun Rueang, is famous for the sticky rice container woven from calathea. Some 95% of the villagers thrive on this handicraft which mirrors their wisdom to benefit from natural materials.

**To get there:** Use Highway No. 228 (Nong Bua Lam Phu-Si Bun Rueang), then use Si Bun Rueang-Phu Wiang Road (Ban Huai Huak-Na Fai). The village is located at Kilometres 8, some 35 kilometres from the provincial city of Nong Bua Lam Phu.

### **Calathea Sticky Rice Container Group**

(กลุ่มสานกระติบข้าวด้วยคล้า) Ban Nong Kham, Mu 4, Tambon Sai Thong, Amphoe Si Bun Rueang. Tel. 0 4231 4660.

**Kut Hae Silk** (ผ้าไหมกุดแห่) Khit silk cloth by the Women's Weaving Group of Ban Pho Kham, Tambon Kut Hae, Amphoe Na Klang, is very well known and won many national awards. Silk products from this group are a 5-star product of Isan. The silk cloth is available in various patterns encompassing geometric patterns; such as Dok Phikun, Hua Nak, Kunchae Chin, Inthawa, just to name a few. The group is led by Mrs. Lamduan Nanthasutha, For more information, please contact Tel. 0 4235 9370, 08 7219 8231.

**To get there:** From downtown Nong Bua Lam Phu City go to Na Klang City Hall (35 kilometres away), then head to the Ban Nong Dan Intersection about 2 kilometres away and turn right to Ban Kut Hae, 3 kilometres away.

### **Si Ubon Weaving Group** (กลุ่มทอผ้าบ้านศรีอุบล)

Situated at Mu 4, Ban Si Ubon, Tambon Kut Hae, Amphoe Na Klang, Tel. 0 4235 9380, 08 7219 3780. Products are Khit silk.

### **Coconut Shell Handicraft Product**

(ผลิตภัณฑ์จากกะลามะพร้าว) Ban Don Na Di, 162 Mu 7, Tambon Ban Kham, Tel. 08 1574 3228. Selling perforated coconut shell handbags and wristwatches.

### **Natural-dyed Cotton Product** (ผ้าฝ้ายย้อมสี

ธรรมชาติ) produced by the natural-dyed, hand-woven cotton conservative network, situated at 71, Mu 5, Ban Non Chat, Tambon Na Dan, Amphoe Suwannakhuha. This natural-dyed, hand-woven cotton is unique for its raindrop pattern and perforated design.

## **EXAMPLE OF TOUR PROGRAMME**

### **Morning**

- Visit monument and shrine of King Naresuan the Great.
- Pay homage to Chao Pu Lup Shrine and enjoy waterfall at Namtok Huai To Botanical Park
- Visit the Shell Fossil Museum and dinosaur fossils.

### **Afternoon**

- Go to Wat Tham Klong Phen and visit the utensils museum and wax statue of Luang Pu Khao Ananyo
- Enjoy shopping for terra cotta at Ban Khong Sawan Pottery Village
- Admire rock formation in Tham Erawan in Amphoe Na Wang
- Get back to Nong Bua Lam Phu.

## **DO AND DON'T**

for visiting temple, museum, and historical site.

- Study first
- Dress and behave politely
- Take off your shoes and place it tidily before getting into ubosot or holy place.
- Contact lecturer such as monk, the local, or staff first.
- Do not touch antique.
- Do not enter restricted area or walk on historical architecture, touch the carving, painting or take anything.
- Seek permission before taking picture.
- Do not use flash which may damages the antique or historical site.

## **FACILITIES IN NONG BUA LAM PHU**

### **Accommodations**

(Note: The room rates mentioned in this brochure may be changed without notice. Please ask for current information from each hotel before making reservation.)

### **Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lamphu**

**Chok Wiwat** (โชควิวัฒน์ รีสอร์ท) 290 Mu 5 Ban Wang Nam Khao Tambon Nong Bua, (Tel. 08 1739 7560, 08 4027 1560), 15 rooms: 300-500 baht.

**Kinnari Resort** (กินรีรีสอร์ท) 305 Nong Bua Lamphu-Udon Thani Road Tambon Lam Phu, Tel. 0 4236 0091, 36 rooms: 300-500 baht.

**Nam Fon Resort** (น้ำฝน รีสอร์ท) 222/1 Mu12 Wasawong Road Tambon Nong Bua, Tel. 0 4294 3422, 08 1873 9398, 11 rooms: 350 baht.

**Natthaphong Grand Resort** (นัฐพงษ์ แกรนด์ รีสอร์ท) 339 Nong Bua Lamphu-Udon Thani Road Tambon Lam Phu, Tel. 0 4236 1199, 0 4236 1213, 08 9714 3336, Fax 0 4236 1188, 32 rooms, 27 houses: 400-1,200 baht.



**Phu Fa Resort** (ภูฟ้า รีสอร์ท) 130 Mu 12 Tambon Lam Phu, Tel. 0 4231 1866, 08 6642 2686, 32 rooms: 400-1,500 baht.

**VIP Inn** (วีไอพี อินน์) Ban Wang Muean, Nong Bua Lam Phu-Si Bun Rueang Road, Tel. 0 4236 1122, 30 rooms: 240-1,200 baht.

**Wang Inn** (วังอินทร์) 69/2 Mu 14 Nong Bua Lam Phu-Nonsang Road Tambon Nong Bua, Tel. 0 4236 1014, 14 rooms: 300-400 baht.

## Amphoe Na Klang

**Dara Resort** (ดารา รีสอร์ท) 204 Mu 6 Tambon Na Klang, Tel. 0 4235 9532, 8 rooms: 250-400 baht.

**Phoem Phun Resort** (เพิ่มพูนรีสอร์ท) 89 Mu 12 Tambon Dan Chang, Tel. 0 4235 9231, 0 4235 9669, 20 rooms: 300-1,200 baht

**Ruean Phet Resort** (เรือนเพชร รีสอร์ท) 199 Mu 12 Udon Thani-Loei Road kilometres. 70 Tambon Na Klang, Tel. 08 9574 9575, 0 4235 9480, 10 rooms: 200-450 baht

## Restaurants

### Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lamphu

**Beer Garden** (เบียร์การ์เดน) 67 Phra Wo-Phra Ta Road Tambon Lam Phu, Tel. 08 1873 8859 (open: 5.00 p.m.-12.00 p.m., Isan Food, Thai Food, and A la carte).

**Charoen Pla Phao** (เจริญปลาเผา) 140 Wasawong Road Tambon Lam Phu, Tel. 0 4231 1400 (open: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m., Isan Food, and A la carte).

**Khrua Nong Sa** (ครัวน้องสา) 99 Mu 7 Nong Bua Lam Phu-Loei Road Tambon Pho Chai, Tel. 0 4231 1574 (open: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m., Thai Food).

**Lam Phu Nuea Yang Korea** (ลำภูเนื้อย่างเกาหลี) (Near Bus Terminal) Nong Bua Lam Phu-Chum Phae Road, Tel. 0 4231 1375 (open: 2.00 p.m.-11.00 p.m. Korean style grilled meat)

**MB Mu Krata** (เอ็ม บี หมูกระทะ) In front of Kit Charoen Market, Tel. 0 4236 1022 (open: 4.00 p.m.-11.00 p.m., Grilled Pork Buffet)

**Nong Bua Classic** (หนองบัวคลาสสิก) Inside Nong Bua Lam Phu Bus Terminal

**Pan Bua** (ปานบัว) 31 Mu 3 Damrong Burana Road Tambon Nong Bua, Tel. 0 4231 1704 (open: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m., Thai Food, and A la carte).

**Phim Thong** (พิมพ์ทอง) Inside Nong Bua Lam Phu Bus Terminal.

**Phuwa Pla Phao** (ภูวาปลาเผา) near Phu Bodin Kindergartens, 5 Mu 2 Ban Don Han, Tambon Pho Chai, Tel. 08 6851 4840 (open 8.00 a.m.-8.00 p.m.)

**Please Phochana** (พลัสโภชนา) (Near The Public Health Center) Udon Thani-Loei Road Tambon Nong Bua, Tel. 0 4231 2246 (open: 4.00 p.m.-04.00 a.m.)

**Prasopchai** (ประสพชัย) Inside Nong Bua Lam Phu Bus Terminal.

**Sai Bua Mu Krata** (สายบัวหมูกระทะ) 21/3 Soi San Chao Khunathan Road, Tel. 0 4231 1337 (open: 10.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m., Grilled Pork Buffet)

**Suan Ahan Rabiang Rot Thip** (สวนอาหารระบียงรสทิพย์) 80 Nareasuan Road, Tel. 0 4231 1372 (open: 10.00 a.m.-11.00 p.m., Thai Food)

**Thipphawan Buffet** (טיפฟ์ไวน์) 99/1 Mu 2 Udon Thani-Loei Road, Tel. 0 4231 2312 (open: 10.00 a.m.-12.00 p.m.).

### Amphoe Non Sang

**Khrua Isan** (ครัวอีสาน) 82 Mu 8 Nong Bua Lam Phu-Non Sang Road Tambon Non Sang, Tel. 0 4237 5004 (open: 9.00 a.m.-10.00 p.m., A la carte)

### Amphoe Si Bun Rueang

**Cherry** (เชอรี่) 246/2 Udon Thani-Chum Phae Road, Tambon Mueang Mai, Tel. 0 4235 4158 (open: 10.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m., Thai Food, A la carte)

**Sabai Chai** (สบายใจ) 22/6 Mu 5 Si Bun  
Rueang–Chum Phae, Tambon Han Na Ngam,  
Tel. 0 4235 3614 (open: 10.00 a.m.-9.00 p.m.,  
Thai Food, A la carte)

**Rental Car**  
Nong Bua Lam Phu Tour 173 Rat Bua Khao Road  
Tambon Lam Phu, Amphoe Mueang, Tel. 0 4231  
2546, 0 4231 1008

### USEFUL CALLS

Provincial Public Relation	Tel. 0 4231 2043
Provincial Office	Tel. 0 4231 2916
Tourism Sport and Recreation Center	Tel. 0 4231 2890
Provincial Police Office	Tel. 0 4231 1054
Nong Bua Lam Phu Hospital	Tel. 0 4231 1999
Non Sang Hospital	Tel. 0 4237 5390
Si Bun Rueang Hospital	Tel. 0 4235 3935, 0 4235 4080, 0 4235 3443-5
Na Klang Hospital	Tel. 0 4235 9035
Post Office	Tel. 0 4231 2618
Bus Terminal	Tel. 0 4231 2390
Tourist Police	Tel. 1155
Highway Police	Tel. 1193





# แผนที่ตัวเมืองหนองบัวลำภู

## NONG BUA LAM PHU CITY MAP



### สัญลักษณ์ Legend

- ศาลากลางจังหวัด City Hall
- โรงเรียน School
- ไปรษณีย์ Post Office
- สถานีขนส่ง Bus Terminal
- ถนน Road
- แหล่งน้ำ, แม่น้ำ Stream, River

.6 .3 0 กิโลเมตร  
Kilometers

### โรงแรม Hotel

- 1 ณัฐพงษ์ แกรนด์ รีสอร์ท Natthaphong Grand Resort
- 2 กิณรี รีสอร์ท Kinnari Resort

### วัด Temple (Wat)

- 1 วัดศรีคุณเมือง Wat Si Khun Mueang
- 2 วัดธรรมวาส Wat Thammawat
- 3 วัดมหาชัย Wat Mahachai
- 4 วัดโพธิ์ชัยสมสะอาด Wat Phochai Somsa-at
- 5 วัดโพธิ์ศรีบ้านลำภู (วัดหายโศก) Wat Phosi Banlamphu (Wat Haisok)
- 6 วัดพิศาลัญญาวาส Wat Phisan Ranyawat
- 7 วัดศรีมงคล Wat Siri Mongkhon

### โรงพยาบาล Hospital

- 1 โรงพยาบาลวิระพลการแพทย์ Wiraphon Medical Hospital
- 2 โรงพยาบาลพิระพลการแพทย์ Thiraphon Medical Hospital

### ตลาด Market

- 1 ตลาดธนาภิรักษ์ (ตลาดแล่งแม่สำเนียง) Thanarak Market (Laeng Mae Samniang Market)

- 2 ตลาดสดเทศบาล 1 Municipality 1 Market

- 3 ตลาดสดเทศบาลเมืองหนองบัวลำภู Nong Bua Lam Phu Municipality Market

### สถานที่สำคัญ Places

- 1 ที่ว่าการอำเภอหนองบัวลำภู Amphoe Mueang Nong Bua Lam Phu Office
- 2 สำนักงานเทศบาลเมืองหนองบัวลำภู Nong Bua Lam Phu Municipality Office

### ★แหล่งท่องเที่ยว Tourist Attraction

- 1 ศาลหลักเมืองพระขอ พระตา Phra Wo Phra Ta City Pillar Shrine
- 2 พระอนุสาวรีย์และศาลสมเด็จพระนเรศวรมหาราช Monument and shrine of King Naresuan the Great

### ร้านอาหาร Restaurant

- 1 ร้านอาหารบ้านบัว Pan Bua Restaurant
- 2 สายบัวหมูกะทะ Sai Bua Mu Krata Restaurant



# แผนที่ท่องเที่ยวจังหวัดหนองบัวลำภู

## NONG BUA LAM PHU TOURIST MAP



สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว	Tourist Attraction
1 แหล่งโบราณคดีภูผายา	Phu Pha Ya Archeological Site
2 ถ้ำสุวรรณคูหา	Tham Suwannakhuha
3 ถ้ำเอราวัณ	Tham Erawan
4 พระอนุสาวรีย์และศาลสมเด็จพระนเรศวรมหาราช	Monument and shrine of King Naresuan the Great
5 สวนอุทยานน้ำตกแม่ต๋าย	Namtok Thao To Botanical Park
6 พิพิธภัณฑ์หอยหิน 150 ล้านปี	Shell Fossil Museum
7 หมู่บ้านหัตถกรรมปั้นหม้อบ้านโค้งสวรรค์	Ban Khong Sawan Pottery Village
8 วัดถ้ำกลองเพล	Wat Tham Klong Phen
9 แหล่งโบราณคดีในดอนกลาง (บ้านกุดกววงสร้อย)	Non Don Klang Archeological Site (Ban Kut Kwang Soi)
10 อุทยานแห่งชาติภูเก้า-ภูพานคำ	Phu Khao-Phu Phan Kham National Park



*Wat Tham Suwanna Khuha*





*Wat Mahachai*





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